| **Requirements for assessment tasks and outcomes - 4+2 internship program (updated October 2017)** |
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| **Old requirement – 2013 guidelines** | **New requirement – 2017 guidelines** | **Notes and transition arrangements** |
| All competencies are assessed in the national psychology exam which is required to be completed in the second half of the internship for both the current and new internship. | No change |
| All competencies are assessed by the supervisors/s throughout the internship and a final assessment of competence submitted at the end, for both the current and new internship. | No change |
| Direct observation of at least two assessment client sessions and at least two intervention client sessions every six months is required for both the current and new internship. | No change |
| Mandatory assessment: evaluation of six target problems presented orally (e.g. case discussion, presentation to supervisor or peers) with a written summary (in addition to supervision log).Supervisor assessed.Board may request submission of the written summary at any time. | Assumed content: evaluation of target problems as appropriate via case discussion, exam preparation and general discussion in supervision – record of discussion in supervision log. | You no longer need to keep a separate written summary of six target problems.If you have already completed the written requirement for the old internship, this is offset by the reduced case report requirement for current interns (six instead of eight). |
| Mandatory assessment: six reports on situations where professional limitations were identified – 500-2000 words each plus a summary of the six reports.Supervisor assessed.Board may request submission of any of the reports or the written summary at any time. | Assumed content: situations (actual, potential or simulated) where professional limitations were identified are discussed in supervision as they arise. | You no longer need to complete these six written reports and summary.If you have already completed these reports for the old internship, this is offset by the reduced case report requirement for current interns (six instead of eight). |
| Mandatory assessment: six written reports on ethical dilemmas that arise in practice and how the intern responded - 500-2000 words each plus a summary of the six reports.Complete at any time during the internship.Supervisor assessed.Board may request submission of any of the reports or the written summary at any time. | Mandatory assessment: three oral or written reports on ethical dilemmas that arise in practice and how the intern responded (approx 500-1000 words each if written).Complete in the first half of the internship.Supervisor assessed. | This task is reduced from six reports on ethical dilemmas to three. You also now have the choice to present them verbally or as written reports.Written ethical dilemma reports that you have already completed count towards the new requirement.Additionally, if you have previously presented any oral reports on ethical dilemmas that met the new requirements and that are recorded in your log book, they can be counted.If you have already completed three or more written or oral reports then you have already met the new requirement.The new ethical dilemmas task are required to be completed in the first half of the internship, but if you are already in the second half or close to the end of the first half, you just need to complete them by the end of the internship.If you have already completed more than three reports, this is offset by the reduced case report requirement for current interns (six instead of eight). |
| Mandatory assessment: summary of 12 practice documents. Supervisor assessed and Board may request submission of the written summary any time. | Mandatory assessment: summary or portfolio of 8 practice documentsSupervisor assessed and Board may request submission of summary any time. | This task is reduced from twelve documents to eight.If eight or more practice documents have already been reviewed and recorded in the summary then you have already met the new requirement. |
| Mandatory assessment: literature review on one problem situation/target behaviour.Written report.Supervisor assessed. | Assumed content: literature review as required to support evidence-based practice and in completing case reports. | You no longer need to complete the literature review task.If you have already completed the literature review task this is offset by the reduced case report requirement for current interns (six instead of eight). |
| Six intervention case studies - approximately 2500 words each.Mandatory cross cultural context case study focusing on a client from a different culture.Mandatory practice across the lifespan case studies - one focusing on a client in childhood or adolescence, and one focusing on a client in adulthood or late adulthood.Supervisor assessed; plus three case studies must be subsequently submitted to the Board. | Internships approved on 1 June 2017 or later: four intervention plus four assessment case reports - approximately 2500 words each.Internships approved before 1 June 2107: six case reports and/or case studies. Case reports should include clients from diverse groups and life stages, but specific foci are not mandatory unless specified by the supervisor. Supervisor assessed; plus four case reports must be submitted to the Board (new plans from 1 June), or three case studies/reports must be submitted to the Board (plans approved before 1 June). | Case studies completed before 1 June 2017 count towards the new requirements as either intervention or assessment case reports. If you have one or two remaining case reports to submit to the Board after 1 June 2017, your supervisor should determine whether your outstanding reports need to be assessment or intervention focused. However, if you have three case reports to complete, you must submit at least one assessment and one intervention case report.From 1 September 2017, cases submitted to the Board must be in the new case report format. |
| Mandatory cross cultural context case study as above. | Mandatory assessment: practice with people from diverse groups task.Complete in the first half of the internship.Supervisor assessed. | If you have already completed a satisfactory cross cultural context case study, you do not have to complete the new task.If you have not completed a satisfactory cross cultural context case study complete the new task instead before the end of the internship (whereas new interns must complete in the first 1500 hours of internship).If you have previously completed an oral or written report on practice with people from diverse groups that meets the new requirements it can count for the new task. If it was an oral report you need to have a written record of it in your log book.  |
| Mandatory practice across the lifespan case studies as above. | Mandatory assessment: practice across the lifespan task.Complete in the first half of the internship.Supervisor assessed. | If you have already completed two satisfactory lifespan case studies, you do not have to complete the new task.If you have not already completed two satisfactory lifespan case studies (i.e. you have completed one or none) complete the new task instead before the end of the internship (whereas new interns must complete in the first 1500 hours of internship).If you have previously completed an oral or written report on practice with people from different lifespan stages that meets the new requirements it can count for the new task. If it was an oral report you need to have a written record of it in your log book. |
| Reflection in the log book | Reflective journalSupervisor reviewBoard may request submission of log book and reflective journal any time. | It is expected that reflection on practice is already occurring both in supervision and independently as this is an essential component of psychology practice. If you are not already using a reflective journal you should start keeping one now and taking it to supervision sessions. You can use the journal template published on the website or a different format agreed to between you and your supervisor.You no longer need to record reflections on experience against each activity in your log book. |